

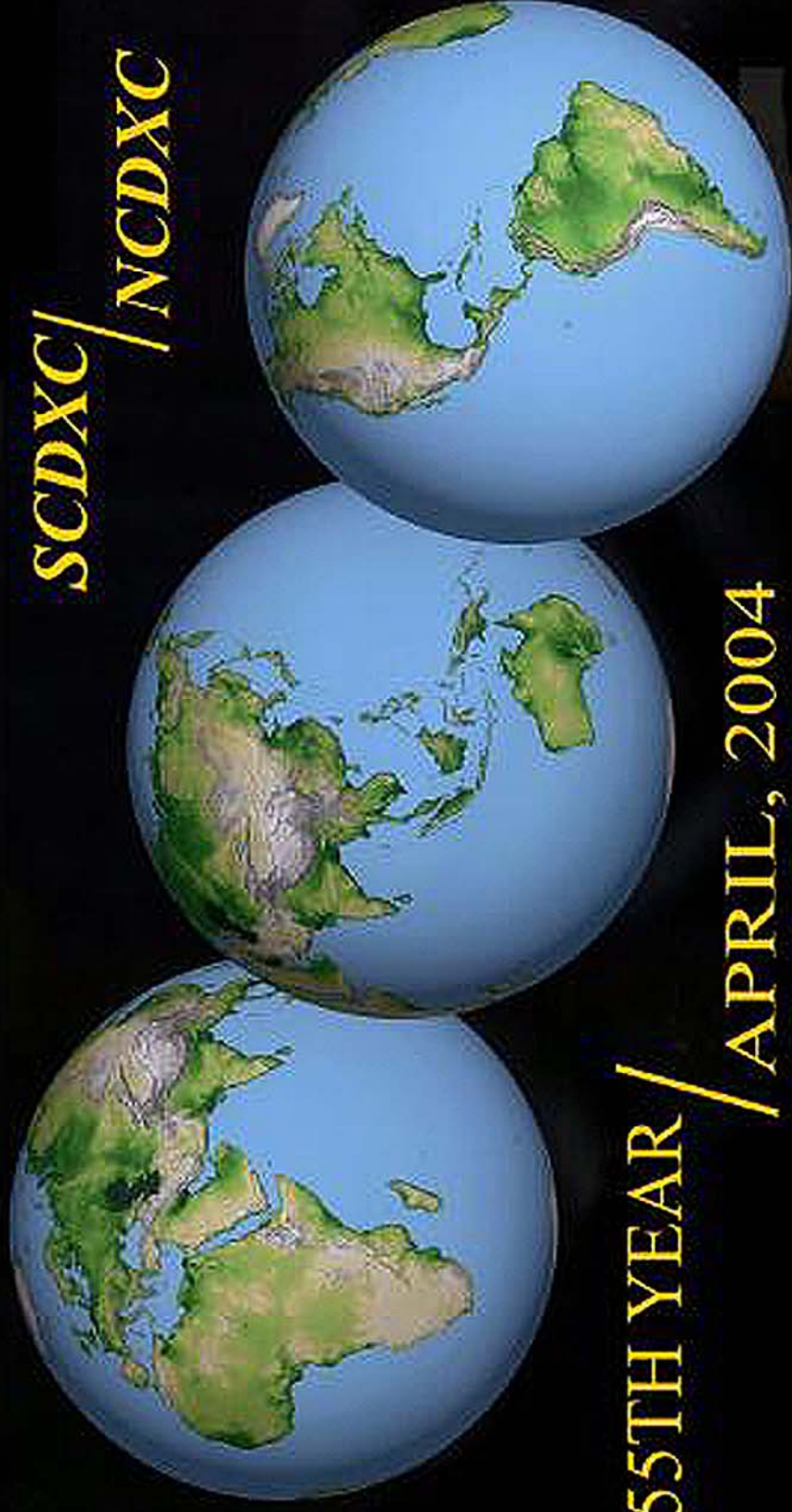


southern california dx club

May 2004

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

SCDXC/NCDXC



55TH YEAR / APRIL, 2004

VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, USA

Soap Box— Words from our President



Hello to all:

The month of April certainly turned out to be not only a Sad occasion for the passing of two club members. Charter member Eugene Dvorak, W6TZD and Sandy Evangelista, K6HAE. Both members will be missed. Eugene, I understand as was Art helped organize and get this club moving and when Sandy joined he was a great supporter of the club and a well liked gentleman.

The club will be doing as we always do and that is to donate \$25 dollars each to the ARRL Education Fund in their honor and the certificates that ARRL sends out will go to their family.

To Harvey Shore and Susie, please get well maybe we will see you both at the picnic...

We were all getting ready for Visalia early Thursday morning, some received an early morning call from Karen, telling us that Herb, KG6OK, had become ill and was in the hospital. I know that for Carl & I our pace slowed and we were in shock. Our concern focused totally on Herb until we found that he was stable but in ICU. Well Herb, let me tell you....the crew pulled together with the resources that were given to us and the belief that you were going to have the most successful prize and vendor show cases ever.

Yes sir, my friend - Wayne W6IRD did a suburb job working with your vendors and organizing and supplying them with whatever they needed. He delegated some of us including yours truly to baby-sit the room while he took a break or two. Your prize chair Larry K6YUI, as always had a great crew and did an excellent job giving away the prizes. As always you out did yourself AGAIN. (IT'S GETTING TO HARD TO TOP THIS!). Skip did a great job with the vendor showcase and your vendors, Herb, wish you well and a speedy recovery. He kept them on time and they got back to their tables to start showing their new products. Skip also did a great job Saturday

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de the Veep

So where do I start this month? I guess with the convention, and thanking all the people who worked for the last 8-12 months to get this thing put together. I don't think a lot of people really appreciate how much work goes in to putting this convention on.



I personally sent/received over 750 e-mails regarding the convention and this is just for my small part. Most of the people behind the scenes play a much larger roll than I do and I can only imagine what their e-mail boxes look like. As much as I would like to I will not try to thank all individuals involved, I'm sure I would forget someone and they all deserve individual mention. So I will just say one bid THANK YOU!!! And leave it at that.

Well okay I do have to mention one person and that is Herb Rosenberg, KG6OK. He spent countless hours working with the prize donors and vendors to make the raffle prizes unbelievably good this year. I just did a rough look at the top 10 prizes and came close to \$20,000.00 in value and that does not include the 70 plus prizes given away in each of the 4 hourly drawings. This is not to mention the great job he did on the convention booklet. Actually I guess at 77 pages we can call it a book. As most of you know Herb was unable to attend at the last minute do to illness and was not able to see all of his hard work come to fruition. But his hard work was definitely one of the reasons this

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Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held May 13, 2004, at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

Jim McCook, W6YA on his 2003 Ham tour of Slovenia.

See ya there!



Bubba's Space

Hi all, its me, Bubba, another Visalia has come and gone, but first, I want Herb to know my prayers are with him and I can't wait for the recovery debriefing soon. You can't keep a good Bubba down!

Sunday before Visalia, Elvin, JA3CZY, arrived at my QTH to spend a few days and ride to Visalia with us. We had some fun dinners and a lot of laughs. We learned about Japan and its customs from Elvin. He brought Janie, K6ZPL a beautiful doll and a nice banner.

Elvin has known of the Chino airport museum with many WW2 aircraft and wanted to see it, so when he asked me I panicked, as I know nothing of such things. I called Dick, WD6DPY and asked if he would be there and he said he would meet us there Tuesday morning. Whew, I had some help. Dick is a great guy and started off through the museum, he and Elvin talking about all the planes. Elvin really enjoyed the only original flying Zero left in the world. The highlight of Elvin's trip? Dick took Elvin for a ride in his beautifully restored T6 Fighter. He made a 200 MPH pass over the runway, 50 feet off the ground, then took Elvin up and let him fly the airplane....WOW! The next morning when he was talking to the J-Boys on 80m the only thing I understood was Chino and T6 and he smiled a lot. He was still excited.

Elvin met most of my family and got to hold my newest Grandson, Jared, only 3 weeks old. We have been radio friends for a few years and now we will be good friends for life. He is truly a gentleman and welcome any time. If you hear JA3CZY from Osaka, say hi and tell him you know Bubba, then wait for a laugh and a story.

My job at Visalia was helping Larry, K6YUI in the prize room. Did I say "job"? It was my privilege to be part of a great team. In my opinion, the 2004 Visalia Committee has raised the bar and those that follow will be hard pressed to beat this one. I never heard a negati-

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AWARDS

The SCDXC presented the following awards at the convention.

DXer of the year:

Skip Bolnick, KJ6Y

Clipperton:

Randy Johnson, W6SJ

Special Plaques to:

Harvey Shore, **K6EXO** For his many years of service on the board.

Don Stribling, **KH6DX/m** for his first ever 160m DXCC

Don Bostrom, **N6IC** for his years of service to the Visalia Convention.

In addition, Mark, **K6FG**, won the **DX Millionaire** contest with a perfect score of 1,000,000



SCDXC Annual Picnic

Saturday June 12, 2004 at 11:00am plus or minus QRM

The SCDXC Picnic will be held Saturday June 12 at Woodley park in Van Nuys. Once again Keith, K6LD, our resident gourmet cook will be at the spatula cooking up the tri-tip, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers. We are asking those that attend to bring along a side dish to share with the others. Please contact Jim, N6DHZ at n6dhz@scdxc.org and let him know what you plan to bring or to see if he needs a particular side dish.

We will have the usual raffle as well as the raffle board for a Kenwood TS-480. The spots are \$10.00 ea and are going fast. Spots can be bought at the May meeting from Jim, N6DHZ or by mail on a first come first serve basis by sending your check made payable to SCDXC to Jim Shryne, N6DHZ; 10301 Maybrook Ave., Whittier, CA 90603-2620. Spots must be paid for prior to the raffle. Any spots not paid prior to the raffle for will be auctioned off at the picnic.

Propagation

De Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 110, corresponding to a sunspot number of 62, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

XU Cambodia - 5/7 to 5/19 - Beam 310 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 5/13)
2241/1113

40: 1200-1230.
20: 1000-1500.

FO French Polynesia - 5/15 to 5/16 - Beam 214 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 5/16)
1618/0327
80: 0600-1200.
40: 0400-1300.
20: 0200-1330.
15: 1000-0900.
10: 1900-0330.

KL7 Alaska - 5/16 to 5/20 - Beam 335 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 5/18)
1308/0646
80: 0700-1130.
40: 0439-1330.
20: 0000-0800.

P4 Aruba - 5/15 to 5/22 - Beam 94 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 5/19)
1019/2255
80: 0430-0930.
40: 0300-1000.
20: 2330-1230.
15: 1600-0500.

FO Austral Islands - 5/17 to 5/23 - Beam 212 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 5/20)
1632/0322
80: 0530-1230.
40: 0330-1330.
20: 0130-1200.
15: 1700-0730.

Ham Puzzle

By Milt, W6RJO

Here is the answer to last months puzzle.

Let H be the sought after number of active DXers. Then H/5 were calling the VU, H/3 the 457 and 3(H/3 - H/5) were calling the XU. One ham was valiantly QSYing between all of them but calling none. Adding the pileups, plus the one neophyte, gives $H/5 + H/3 + 3(H/3 - H/5) + 1 = H$ (the total number of DXers). Multiply all by a common denominator, 15, to get rid of the fractions. There were 15 active DXers in all. 3 were calling the VU, 5 the 457 and 6 calling the XU, plus one new guy on the block. I think some of them got a new country.

N6KZ submitted the following answer.

5 stations were calling the VU and 10 were calling the 457, 15 were calling the XU. This gives a total of 30 guys in the pile up.

OK Math guys are there multiple answers?

Now: for this month:

V. H. Ham's universal time (UTC) clock just broke. He must now rely on his wrist watch until he gets to Jun's (plug) for an MFJ (plug) clock: combo (local time! UTC time).

Subsequently he works a dx station he needs on 20 at 2:10 PM PST. He figures 2:10 plus 8 hours to Greenwich UK which makes it 10:10 Greenwich time or 2210 hours UTC. The dx says that he must QRT to get some shuteye, as the sun has set for him 6 hours ago.

What is the dx local time, and the corresponding zone his QTH must be in?



K6YRA and W6BUN, hosted a get-together for visitors Josep, EA3BT (D68BT, TN6B) and Nuria, EA3WL (D68WL, TN3W) and their son Marc. Here are a few of gang that were there.

K6HAE SK

Alexander "Sandy" Evangelista, K6HAE became a Silent Key Thursday night April 15, 2004.

I've known Sandy for more than the past 20 years. He was one of the real gentlemen of Ham Radio. He was a customer of mine and I was a customer of his, purchasing wire and cable from him.

I don't know when he was first licensed, his first call was W2ZOH. Back in the 40's he built transmitters with old ARC-5's. In 1964 he provided assistance following the Alaskan Earthquake, running phone patches for individuals and Government agencies. He was presented with several certificates from different agencies. Throughout the late 60's and 70's he ran nightly phone patches for the troops in Southeast Asia.

He was a charter member and active for many years on 14.235, the African Safari Net. He also helped start the South African Friendship Net with John Smith, ZS6AN in Pretoria.

Although Sandy had worked more than enough entities to qualify for DXCC, with his 40-foot tower and modest antenna, he never got around to sorting the cards and submitting them to the League. He was a long time member of the Southern California DX Club, and was always an eager supporter to the club and the DX Convention.

Sandy's wife Angie is also licensed and holds the call KC6OIU. Sandy's other interest were boating, astronomy, photography and target shooting. He was an Elmer to several hams including Vic, WA6MCL, who he worked with for many years and helped me with this material.

We will miss you Sandy. 73.

Skip, KJ6Y

W6TZD SK

It is with great sadness that we have to report that W6TZD passed away on April 4th.

W6OB remembers W6TZD, Gene.

I knew Gene well in the earlier years. He got his license in the early 1940's as W6TZD. He got his Extra license in the 1960's and never went for the Vanity option. He worked for the Phone Company all his working years. He is a Charter Member of the our DX Club, and high in the entities worked in the ARRL Dx Century Club. He has always been a very good C.W. operator. Always about 25+ W.P.M. very smooth

with good rhythm. As a matter of fact, I have never heard him on A.M. or SSB! He and his wife moved to Arizona some time ago and it didn't work out, so they returned to California.

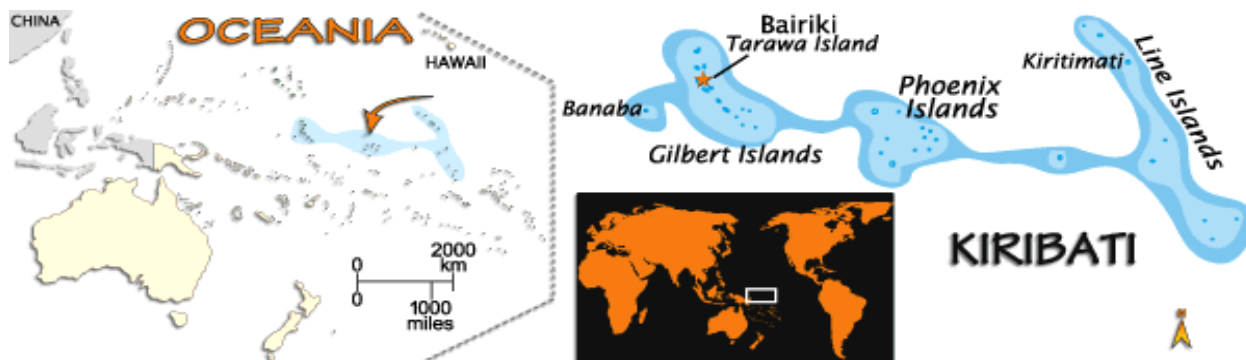
Some time after that, Gene lost his wife. I got e-mail from him about a month ago and he told me that he had a form of leukemia that was treatable and he has had it for about eight years. Gene was some what of a behind the scene kind of a guy. He would probably never would have been the Club President but a good worker or helper. Gene is shown in the picture of 1949 Field Day on the Web. He will be missed. The Flying Horse shows his QTH as Running Springs, but I know when he and his wife came back from Arizona he lived in Chino Hills.

That is about all I can remember. One fine C.W. operator and a good head.

K.C. W6OB



Did you work BANABA?



Confessions of a Bad Operator

By
Harvey "He's Listening Up" Laidman, W8DX

I flunked the license exam seven times until someone told me you have to memorize the answers, not the questions. My family was so poor, I used to dig in my neighbor's trash cans for discarded batteries. We all shared the same pair of shoes. Every time I was using the radio, I was barefoot. I clipped my antenna lead to the plastic gutter. I used my mother's Zircon wedding ring as a crystal detector. I kept my log in crayon. There was a big problem staying within the lines, so I just filled in the boxes. When all thirty-seven colors were used, my log ended.

I hope this gives you a small idea about how I came to be a really terrible operator. I'll now share with you my lack of operating expertise. You can stand out in the crowd, just like me.

I have never understood this "split operation" thing. I'm not really sure if I've worked any country, but I get a big blast out of all the yelling when I transmit on the DX frequency. It's worth the price of this big, fancy radio I'm making payments on. I turn the knob and hear all them poor souls yelling and screaming. I just look for the really desperate guy and plop down right on top of him. I'm sure he's thinking he's done everything right, scientifically measured the tuning habits of the dx station, timed his calls. He's sittin' there, scratching his head.

And speaking of timing. Somehow, I always manage to call at the exact moment the dx station is coming back to someone else. I think it harkens back to when I was taking piano lessons on the family spinet. Caruso, our pet canary fell into the piano, and for every chord I played, Caruso whistled up an octave on the counter beat. I was much sought after for the elementary school choir, as I specialized in echoes. For example: "She'll be comin' around the mountain when she comes. (When she comes.)" "I'm the Sheik of Araby. (Without no pants on.)"



Somehow, I work the station. If the operator sounds like English is his second language, I try to give phonetics that will challenge his language skills: "Groovy, Homes, you got the hook-up with Wabbulator Consumed Doppelganger Xygote." Naturally, I am using my RCA BK44 ribbon mike with echo and 75 db of bass boost and 25 db of compression. I cannot be ignored.

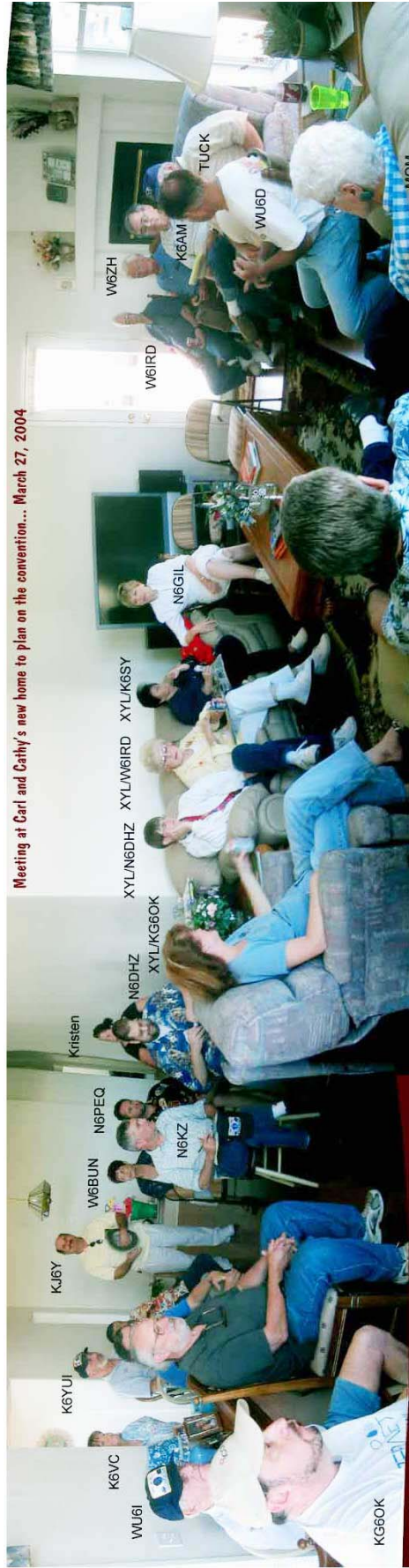
I just recently learned to use the packet, and I find it a great place to display my expertise: "Worked with five watts and a dipole at seven feet." I try to do this when I see a really rare and difficult station spotted. "Worked first call, QRP." I don't even bother to turn on the radio any more. I just spot some rare DX on some rare band: "Worked first call with window screen." Sometimes, I spot myself. What a kick, seeing my call scroll up the screen! I keep a list of QSO's that I can read to anyone I hear on the repeater.

Here I am in church, and I have been thinking about all my years polluting the bands. As I pass through the portals, and the sun shines in my face, I am stricken by a flash of clarity. My burning bush, I fall to my knees.

I just realized that obnoxious, egregious, self-absorbed, egomaniacal operating techniques are exactly the same used by skilled DX'ers! It's an epiphany! Lordy, I got the message. I have always wondered how I got on the honor roll, crummy as I am? Goodness me, that's what it takes! It was Wilhelm Reich, I believe, who said: "A slender sinew separates genius from idiot." Amen and Wal-Mart. Always.

Ed note:

This article came to me via e-mail. When I responded (RELPHY) to say THANKS, the system sent back a message that there weren't no such address and STOP sending SALAMI. So if you see this ham—please thank him for the article.



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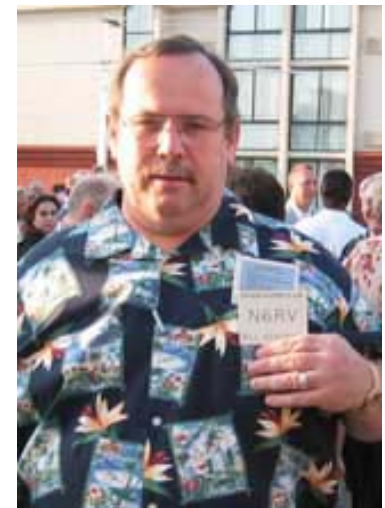




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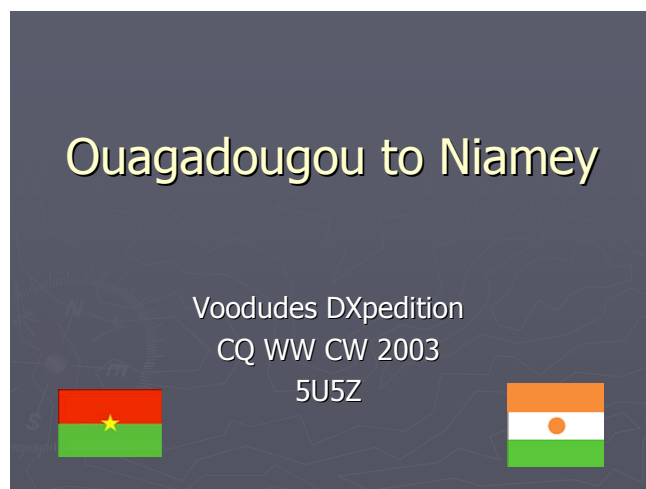
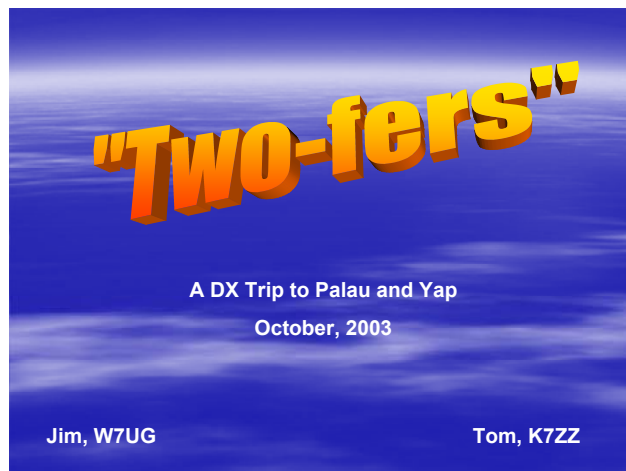













DXing from the Desert

the 2003 Yearbook



by: Bruce Makas, K1MY, with the help of many

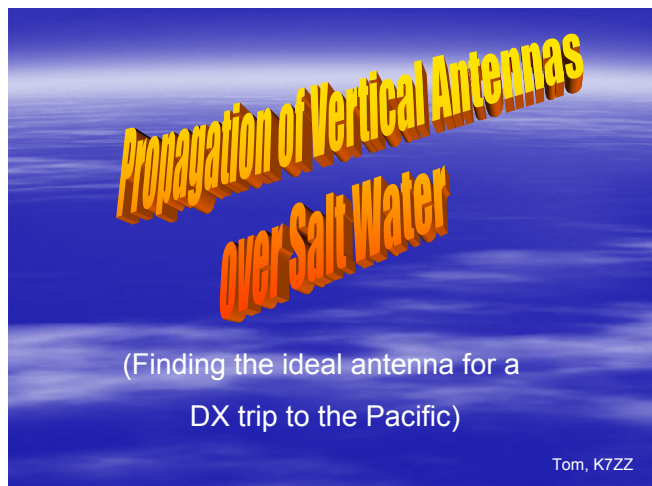
FOOD AT U.S. TOWER



Is This the Best Place to Put Up My Antennas?

- The first question a true DXer or Contester asks when looking for a new QTH!
- Is this *the* mountain top where I will reign supreme?
- Or will I be stronger at the beach, where I can practically *see* the flag flying over Parliament?





Don Stribling KH6DX/mobile

First ever all mobile
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Rodrigues Island 2004



presented by
John Kennon, N7CQQ

Contest Resources



Trends in Contesters and Contesting

He Did

WHAT??!!

Bob Tellefsen
N6WG

Funny

Ed note:

Alan Zack, K7ACZ, sent these "jokes" in hoping we would get a chuckle. Alan was K6ACZ and changed his call when he moved to Las Vegas.

The times have caught up to us engineers. We are used to attorney jokes. Now there are Engineer jokes:

Understanding Engineers - Take One

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers - Take Two

A baker, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" The baker said, "Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him." "Hi George, say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The greens keeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group was silent for a moment.

The baker said, "That's so sad. I think I will bake a great cake

for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"

Understanding Engineers - Take three

There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multimillion dollar machines.

They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work but to no avail. In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past. The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine.

At the end of the day, he marked a small "x" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated, "This is where your problem is." The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly again. The company received a bill for \$50,000 from the engineer for his service.

They demanded an itemized accounting of his charges. The engineer responded briefly: One chalk mark \$1; Knowing where to put it \$49,999. It was paid in full and the engineer retired again in peace.

Understanding Engineers - Take Four

What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?

Mechanical Engineers build weapons. Civil Engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers - Take Five

"Normal people ... believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet."

Call for Assistance

The editor of the SCDXC Newsletter is in desperate need of articles.

You can help!

Sit down for a few minutes and write a short piece that would be of interest to club members.

Do you recall that great meeting last year where we all told about our first QSO? How about sending us those great memories.

Hey—where did you get the stuff for that first crystal set? Do you recall finding that old electromagnetic speaker? There was enough wire there to make a lot of good stuff. Tell us about it. And remember, we are always interested in those favorite QSL cards and photos.

Send to K6EXO@SCDXC.ORG

NEXT YEAR

The dates for the 2005 DX convention are: April 15 - 17th 2005 and will once again be at the Holiday Inn. Reservations for the Holiday Inn will begin on May 20, 2004

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The PREZ — SOAPBOX

night and Sunday distributing the main and grand prizes to everyone. I think though he should have teased the grand prize winner a little "the call is K6 and last letter C" waited a little, (because I was getting ready to run out of the room if he called VC to avoid being bounced on) K6WC was the winner, YEH! You would be very proud of your fellow hams who came together as a great team for you!

We were in amazement how beautiful the book came out and the extra work you did in putting them together, the separate flyer for the schedule of events were talked about and used all day long. I am hoping that Karen will read this to you, but I have a strong feeling that you will read this yourself! 88s

Every one started arriving Thursday, we went to dinner, had some good laughs, and rested up for Friday. I have never seen so many people show up on a Friday, the hotel was full, by 1:00 pm we were already in full swing, the vendor doors were open and everyone was having a good time. Attitude adjustment hour was on and then off to dinner. The group that I was with went to the Vintage Press, where we were to become and I shared at the Saturday night banquet "Pig Farmers", but dressed up to well. After a grand laugh we told the waitress we

were not, but close, but Hams or Amateur Radio operators. Saturday, was more relaxing, the drawings went well and lot's of compliments on the convention. The programs were great, thanks to Mike Fulcher, KC7V, Mel K6SY, and Jeff K6JW. The Saturday Tour was a hit and I want to thank Dee KC6TIO, for setting up the tour; Marilyn N6Gil, for the tour prizes. The Banquet meals and Breakfast were fantastic, thank you, Wild Woman, Sharon; the decorations by Kristen K6PEG, for the banquet were absolutely the most creative and gave color and fun to the festivities, thank you. Sunday went without a hitch and off we went to our QTH's and for some work on Monday.

Next year the convention will be held April 15 - 17th 2005 and will once again be at the Holiday Inn. Reservations for the Holiday Inn will begin on May 20, 2004, so get ready and we will hope for a great gathering of friends and a terrific weekend.

V.P. Jim N6DHz is planning on having a speaker for the May meeting (hardly anytime to recoup from Visalia) OH YEH bring money, we should still have some tickets available for the RADIO. On June 12 the picnic....SEE the details either in Jim's supper column or on the WEB Page.

Keep Dxing and for all of us, "LIFE IS TO SHORT - CHERISH THE DAY - ENJOY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS"

73s & 88s Cathy K6VC

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Bubba's Space

comment, only raves, from the great web page with all the up to date info to the unbelievable amount of prizes. Larry did let me off a little, but there were no naps for me. I took off looking for a pileup in a hallway or a roundtable in the bar. My cheeks are still sore from laughing. Sharing stories on the air and meeting people I have talked to. I even met a monument, W5YU. Otto is 80ish and still going strong. He was a newcomer to Visalia.....can you believe it? The story goes.....Martti Laine said Otto was a monument, and Phil W6UC, has kept the name alive daily with the early morning 80m guys. I know

a living monument, even though he never remembers me (Who is ZPL?)

Before I finish, a word about Jim, N6DHz, our web Guru. I can't count the people that approached my XLY, Janie, and congratulated her on her new license, K6ZPL. They said they saw her picture with Gordon and Suzie West on the SCDXC web site. I also heard about my antenna raising with the drill.....ugh! Good job Jim!

I would like to thank all the members for the nice comments and warm welcome to K6ZPL, she was pleasantly surprised, and yes, she will fit in with the Wild Women. See you at the next meeting.

DE Bubba, W6ZPL

FCC Proposes Wide-Ranging Changes to Amateur Service Rules--

Not Restructuring The FCC has released an "omnibus" *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* that seeks comments on a wide range of proposed Amateur Service (Part 97) rules changes. **The NPRM is *not* related to the three amateur licensing restructuring petitions--including one from ARRL.** Check out the full story at www.arrl.com

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de the Veep

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year's convention was such a great success. Herb and his wife Karen are two of the nicest people you would ever want to meet and I know I speak for the entire club when I wish him a quick and speedy recovery.

I'm sure most of you OM's made a visit to the W2NQ/W7 hospitality suite and appreciated it being located exactly in the right location. I know I did.

Last month was also a sad month for the SCDXC as we lost another charter member, Eugene Dvorak, W6TZO and long time member Sandy Evangelista, K6HAE both members will be missed by the club.

This year's picnic will be June 12, at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. This is a really fun event so be sure to plan to bring the family out and spend a beautiful day in the park and enjoy Keith, K6LD's cooking skills. This year we will be raffling a Kenwood TS-480 HF radio and you can buy your spots on the board at the May meeting, by mail to my QRZ address or at the picnic. For all the details see the web site under June picnic link.

Our club awards that are given each year at the convention included a few extras. Harvey, K6EXO received a plaque in appreciation of his 15 years of service on the board, convention committee, and his work on the newsletter. Harvey was not able to attend the convention and it was my great honor to be asked by him to accept the award on his behalf and I look forward to the May meeting when I can present him with his award.

Don, KH6DX was also given a plaque by the club for his first ever 160m mobile DXCC. This is an accomplishment that deserved to be recognized and it seems that our organization is the one that would do it.

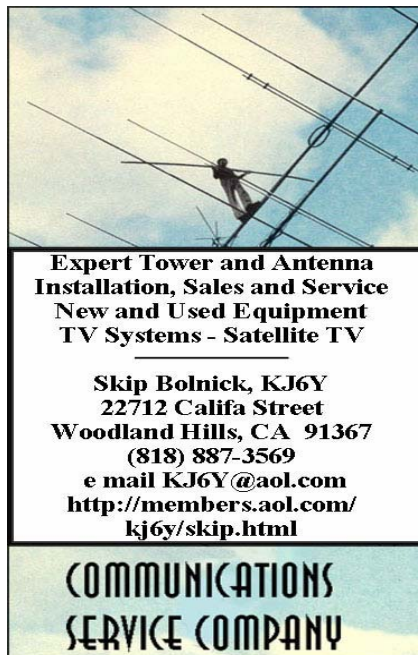
Don, N6IC was also honored for his tireless service over, I believe 26 years to the DX convention. Don has a very large responsibility in handling the registration and accounting and he does a superb job. Thanks Don!

Randy, W6SJ won the Clipperton Award for being the rookie DXer of the year. Randy was licensed in 1951 so this proves it is never too late to be a rookie. So if you're new to the club start counting those confirmed contacts and check the rules and apply for this award. Your only eligible once so be sure to shoot for this award when you are eligible.

The club's highest honor DXer of the Year went to Skip, KJ6Y. What can I say, if you have ever met Skip you know why he deserves the award. He is definitely an asset to this club and an all around good guy.

This month's program will be a program by Jim McCook, W6YA on his 2003 Ham tour of Slovenia. I'm told that Jim is quite the photographer and according to someone who has seen this program it is really interesting.

73 DE Jim, N6DHZ



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